

THE 124TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1993 PRESIDENT ROSS NIELSEN PRESIDED.

THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO JR. CATTLEMAN'S GROUP LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BRUCE RADAR OF THE LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GAVE THE WELCOME.

ROSS NIELSEN PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE EXHIBITORS OF THE CHAMPION BREEDING BEEF IN EACH OF THE 5 COUNTIES. PRESENT TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS WERE: JASON KING, BENT; TEARLE LESSENDEN, KIOWA; JASON ELMORE, PROWERS; AND MATT RUFENACHT OTERO. NOT PRESENT WERE: RONNA DEEDS, BACA.

KAYE KASZA GAVE THE SOUTHEAST COLORADO CATTLEWOMAN'S REPORT ON HER ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES. SHE EMPHASIZED THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO PROMOTE BEEF AND THE BEEF INDUSTRY. DARRIN NIELSEN GAVE THE ARK VALLEY CATTLEWOMEN'S REPORT. LINDA YODER, PRESIDENT OF COLORADO CATTLEWOMEN WAS INTRODUCED AND DISCUSSED WHAT HER ORGANIZATION IS DOING TO EDUCATE TEACHERS AND CHILDREN ON THE BEEF INDUSTRY.

WILEY BERTHELSON, CCA PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR BEING INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL. HE SAID THAT BENT-PROWERS IS KNOWN AS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE. HE STATED THAT AFTER TOURING THE AREA THE SURROUNDINGS ARE INDICATIVE OF THIS AS WELL. HE SAYS NOT TO LET THE AGRICULTURAL TRADITION IN OUR COMMUNITIES SLIP AWAY BECAUSE IT WILL NEVER RETURN. CCA IS WATCHING HB 1237 (THE ASSESSORS BILL) AND THE JEANNE ATKINS BILL. THESE COULD HAVE IMPACT ON CATTLEMAN. HE NEEDS INPUT ON THE GRAZING FEE PROPOSAL. KIRK HANNA, THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER REPRESENTATIVE TO CCA WAS INTRODUCED.

ROSS NIELSEN GAVE A REPORT ON BENT-PROWERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1992. THE MAIN ONE WAS THAT A \$2,000 REWARD WAS PAID FOR REPORTING A CATTLE THEFT. THE CASE WAS SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED.

MEL DEPRA GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES. HE DISCUSSED STATE LANDS IN OUR 5 COUNTY AREA THAT WERE CHOSEN BY DOW TO HAVE RECREATION RIGHTS. A NEW WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SOON. CORWIN BROWN HELPED EXPLAIN THE STATE LANDS SITUATION. THE LEASEHOLDER CAN APPLY FOR THE RECREATION RIGHTS, THIS WILL INCREASE THEIR COSTS BUT MAY DECREASE THEIR TROUBLE.

SPARKY TURNER FROM OF SENATOR HANK BROWN'S OFFICE REPORTED ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND THE CHANGES IN AGRICULTURE. SENATOR BROWN IS STRESSING TO EVERYONE IN AGRICULTURE TO KEEP A UNIFIED FRONT. KEEP YOUR LEGISLATORS INFORMED.



STATE SENATOR JIM RIZZUTO DISCUSSED TO AFFECTS OF AMMENDMENTS #1 & #8 ON AGRICULTURE. PRES. CLINTON'S PLAN WILL ALSO AFFECT THE CATTLEMAN. THE THREE MAIN FUNDING PRIORITIES IN THE STATE OF COLORADO ARE:  
1) EDUCATION 2) HEALTH CARE AND 3) CORRECTIONS.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS READ.

MILTON RINK PRESENTED THE AUDIT REPORT AND MOVED THAT IT BE ACCEPTED AS REPORTED. SECONDED BY JOHN SMARTT. MOTION PASSED.

MILTON RINK PRESENTED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND MOVED THAT IT BE ACCEPTED AS REPORTED. SECONDED BY PAT KARNEY. MOTION PASSED.

CLYDE MCENDREE PRESENTED THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND REPORT AND MOVED THAT IT BE ACCEPTED. SECONDED BY DOUG HASSER. MOTION PASSED.

STEVE PTOLEMY GAVE THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

#1 CONCERNED AG LANDS  
#2 CONCERNED STATE LAND ISSUE  
#3 CONCERNED THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM  
#4 THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH ANNUAL MEETING  
#5 MEMORIAL TO DECEASED MEMBERS  
STEVE PTOLEMY MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS.  
SECONDED BY JIM REHFELD. RESOLUTIONS #2, #3, #4, AND #5 PASSED. #1 FAILED.

NOMINATING CHAIRMAN STEVE MCENDREE NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1993:

PRESIDENT, JIM REHFELD; 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, STEVE PTOLEMY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, HANS HASSER; SECRETARY-TREASURER BRUCE FICKENSCHER; PAST PRESIDENTS, ROSS NIELSEN, STEVE MCENDREE, AND JIM SCHLEINING; DIRECTORS FROM PROWERS CO, MILTON RINK, TIM BRANN, DALE SEUFER, AND RAY HAYS; DIRECTORS FROM BENT CO, GLEN BROWN, ARTHUR DAVIS, JOE KASZA, AND JOHN SMARTT; DIRECTORS FROM KIOWA CO, KENT JOHNSTON, GREG SHALGERG, AND VIRGEL LESSENDEN; DIRECTORS FROM OTERO CO, DAVID MENDENHALL, BILL GREY, PAT KARNEY; DIRECTORS FROM BACA CO, MARK MCVEY, JESS PERKINS, CORWIN BROWN, AND RANDY SHAW.

JIM SCHLEINING MOVED FOR UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF THE SLATE OF OFFICERS. SECONDED BY DOUG HASSER. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT NIELSEN THEN PASSED THE BENT-PROWERS PRESIDENTS BUCKLE DONATED BY THE BARNES FAMILY TO THE NEW PRESIDENT, JIM REHFELD.

STEVE MCENDREE PRESENTED ROSS NIELSEN A BELT BUCKLE AS A THANK YOU FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK THE PAST YEAR. STEVE



ALSO THANKED TERESA KEENAN FOR SERVING AS SECRETARY.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
*Teresa Keenan*

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